*Municipal Council, Alleppey.*

88 *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRY (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased:

(*a*) to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of members of the Municipal Council, Alleppey; and

(*b*) to state the number of nominated members in the said Council?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: (*a*) Statement, by caste, of non-official members of the Municipal Council, Alleppey.

| *S. No.* | *Caste.* | *Number.* |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | *Hindus* | |
| | (i) Brahmin ... | 2 |
| | (ii) Nair ... | 2 |
| | (iii) Ezhava ... | 4 |
| | (iv) Vellala ... | 1 |
| 2. | *Christians* | |
| | (i) Catholic ... | 1 |
| | (ii) Syrian ... | 4 |
| | (iii) European ... | 1 |
| 3. | Muslims ... | 6 |

(*b*) 2.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: ഇതിൽ എലക്ഷറഡ് മെമ്പേർസ് എത്ര പേരാണെന്നും പറയാമോ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: നാമിനേറഡ മെമ്പറന്മാർ 2 പേരുണ്ട്.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: മുസ്ലീം മെമ്പറന്മാർ ന്ന പേർ ഉണ്ടെന്നു കാണുന്നു. അവർ എല്ലാം എലക്ഷറഡ് മെമ്പറന്മാരാണോ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: എല്ലാം എലക്ഷറഡ് മെമ്പറന്മാരാണ്.

*Literacy in Tamil.*

89. *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil cum Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that literacy in Tamil has decreased in 1930 from that of 1920 and in 1940 from that of 1930; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have enquired into the causes that have led to this result?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) No. There was no decrease in literacy during 1931-1941.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) above, this question does not arise.

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